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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/945,318
<i>Filing Date</i>	August 31, 2001
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<i>Group Art Unit</i>	3721
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Robert Madsen
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	869.021US1
<i>Customer No.</i>	21186

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled

VACUUM-SEALED PACKAGE CONTAINING FRANGIBLE MATERIALS (AS AMENDED)

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

1. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
2. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
3. Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 (pages) is enclosed.
4. New power of attorney (pages) is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed (2 pages), with:
 - a. Form 1449 (1 page)
 - b. Copies of IDS Citations (14)
6. Please charge Deposit Account 19-0743 in the amount of \$810.00 to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.
8. Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application (1 page) is enclosed along with authorization to charge Deposit Account 19-0743 in the amount of to pay the extension fee.
9. Others: **Communication Concerning Related Applications (1 pg.).**

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COMMUNICATION CONCERNING RELATED APPLICATIONS

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Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following related applications in the above-identified patent application:

<u>Serial/Patent No.</u>	<u>Filing Date/Issue Date</u>	<u>Attorney Docket</u>	<u>Title</u>
10/374,004	February 25, 2003	869.054US1	VACUUM PACKAGED FOOD PRODUCTS (AS AMENDED)
11/975,656	October 19, 2007	869.054US2	METHODS OF MAKING VACUUM PACKAGED FOOD PRODUCTS

Continuations and divisionals may be later filed on the cases listed above, or cited to the Examiner in any previous Communication Concerning Related Applications. Applicants request that the Examiner review all continuations and divisionals of the above-listed or previously-cited patent applications before allowing the claims of the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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